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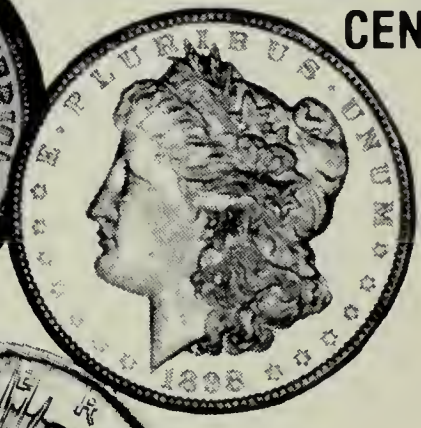

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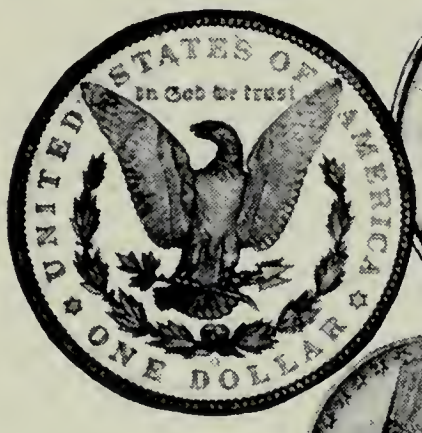

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A Message From The Secretary

Robert E. "Bob" Douglas

Summer's gone and Fall is here already. I can't believe it! This summer found Marilyn and I visiting several different harbors on Lake Michigan with coin dealer Jerry Bishop and his wife Dianne on their very nice 34-foot boat "Toddy Time." We had a ball sightseeing, shopping, rating restaurants, etc.

This week was followed by several days in our new-to-us camping trailer in the Hannibal, Missouri, area.

We acted like tourists and did all the tourist things. After spending 8 - 10 years at a hotel at coin shows as a dealer in Hannibal, this was the first time we had the chance to see the town! Our vacation ended up that weekend camping at my sister's farm near Gowrie, Iowa, for a small Douglas family reunion. Still had 30 in attendance!

Three weeks after vacation, we attended the fall CSNS Convention in Battle Creek, Michigan. We spent a very busy and enjoyable three days there. Charles Fenwick did a very nice job as general chairman and had everything well in hand for the convention. The Stouffer Hotel and Battle Creek Convention Center provided a swell place for a convention weekend. The drive home provided us a chance to relax and summarize the fun summer we have had, and do some preliminary thinking out loud for the next year's vacation.

I failed to report to you one very important business item from the Spring Convention Board meeting. The Board voted to revise the Constitution to change Junior membership age to read: "age 18 and under." Those of you waiting for your young ones to reach age 11 need not wait any longer. Send in an application now while the fee is still only $1.00!

I must now issue a reminder to those whose membership card states "paid to 3-1-89," please send your 1989 dues of $5.00 so that I do not have to stop your *Centinel* and cancel your membership. The deadline is approaching.

If you failed to pick up your 50th Anniversary CSNS medal at convention, you may still do so. Orders may be placed with SilverTowne, P. O. Box 424CS, Winchester, IN 47394. Details on prices are listed on page 7 of the Spring *Centinel*.

John Wilson and Kevin Foley are deep in preparation for the Spring Convention to be held at the MECCA Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 5 - 8, 1990. Knowing these two guys tells me that we will have an outstanding convention. Write John or Kevin for hotel information.

Will the individual who paid their dues at the Spring Convention and received receipt 2485 please advise me so I may send a membership card. I do not have your name on my copy of the receipt.

Robert E. "Bob" Douglas, Secretary
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Presidential Commentary

Michael Kolman

I've just returned from the Battle Creek Convention and want to thank the many members of the Michigan State Numismatic Society who worked so hard to ensure the success of the event. The Stouffer's Hotel and the attached convention center were a great site for our gathering.

The show committee received many compliments for the superior organization that obviously went into our memorable visit. Al Bobrofsky and Charles Fenwick deserve special thanks for the many hours of yeoman service. As with any convention, there were many others who deserve recognition and on behalf of the members of the Central States Numismatic Society — Thank you, all.

I want to remind everyone that this issue of *The Centinel* contains the *Call For Nominations* required in our By-Laws. Our Spring election will be here before we know it and this is the time to nominate individuals you feel would be qualified to hold office and guide the affairs of your organization for the two years beginning with our Milwaukee convention in April, 1990.

The Presidency, First and Second Vice-Presidencies, Secretary-Treasurership and all 13 Governorships will be contested. Any member in good standing may nominate any other member in good standing for any of the above offices, with the exception of the Presidency. The office of President may be sought only by a current or past officer or Governor.

I've remarked before that nominating qualified candidates for office is one of the most important contributions our members can make to the continuing vitality of Central States Numismatic Society. Only an involved membership will keep CSNS strong and vigorous and now is the time for you to make a direct contribution to our future.

Nominate for office an individual whom you feel would serve with distinction and spend the time and energy necessary to help CSNS remain the vital organization it now is.

Organizations seem to have their own life cycle. It isn't unheard of for once strong groups to become less relevant to the concerns they were originally organized to address. Let's not have that happen here. Don't be afraid to nominate a qualified person to serve. Just as important, if *you* are nominated, don't be afraid to accept.

Our last election had a near record number of candidates and I don't think there was a single clunker in the lot. CSNS seems to get better as it gets older and the willingness of our membership to be actively involved is the primary reason.

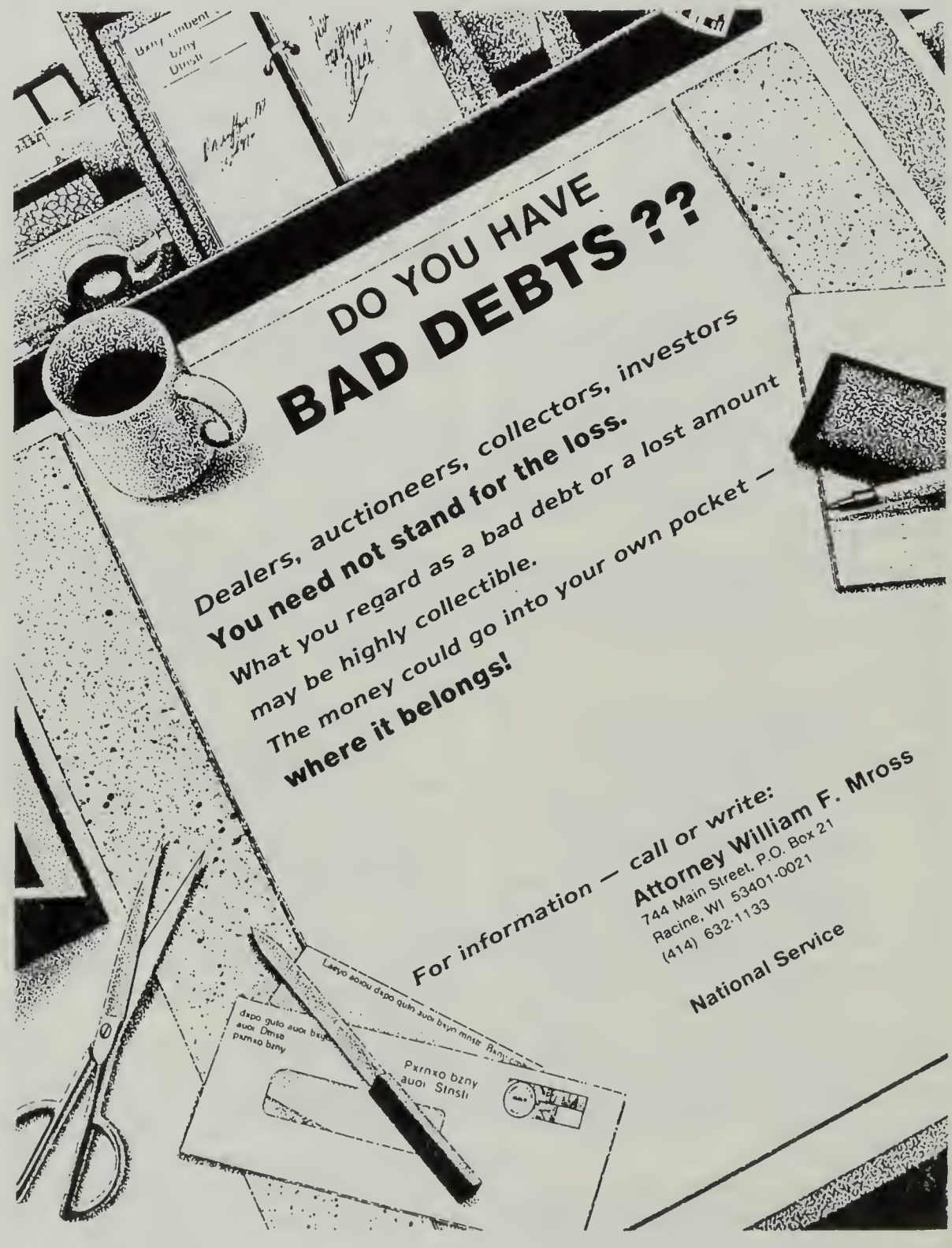
It doesn't seem possible that two years of my Presidency are approaching an end, but they are. In Milwaukee I'll pass the gavel to my sucessor and assume the office of Past President with a sight of relief. It's been an honor to serve you and I'll look forward to helping make our Milwaukee Convention one to remember.

General Chairmen John and Nancy Wilson reported to the Board in Battle Creek on the efforts to date of our host organization, Milwaukee's South Shore Coin Club. The arrangements are in place and I know the show committee has an outstanding event in store for us. This will be our 51st Anniversary Convention and the first ever hosted for us by the South Shore Coin Club. There will be a number of experienced people at the helm and I know we'll

have a smoothly functioning show.

If you are a dealer and would like to be considered for a bourse table, please consult the Show Calendar on page 13, where you'll find the address of the Bourse Chairman.

Mike Kolman, President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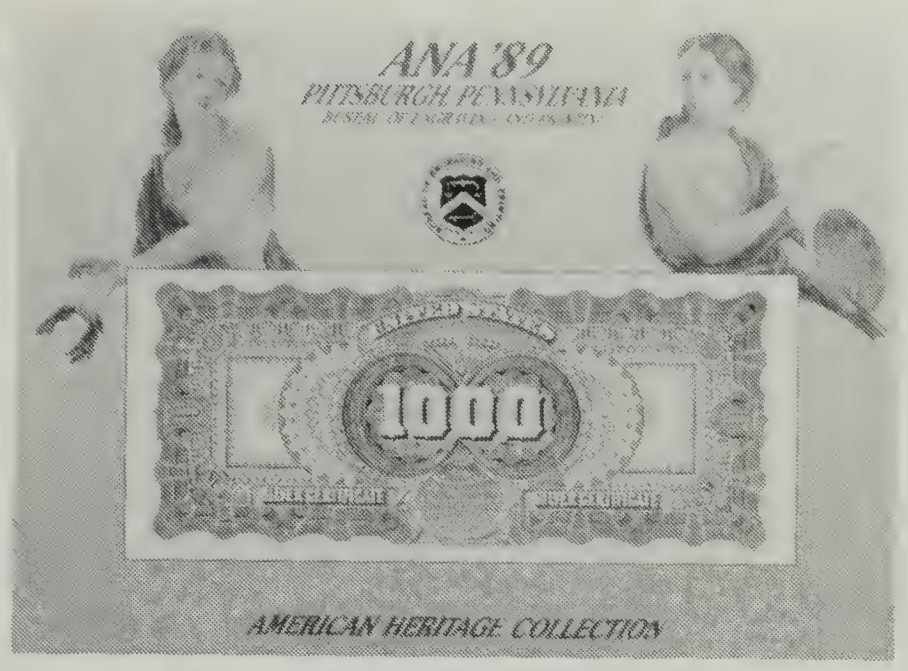

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing observed the American Numismatic Association's 1989 Convention with the release of another in its ongoing series of souvenir cards. The new effort shows the back of the $1,000 Series 1891 Silver Certificate. Also incorporated on the card are allegorical figures from the Centennial Share Certificate of 1876, representing Education and the Arts.

Priced at $5.50 in mint condition or $5.75 with a postal cancellation, the new card is available from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Mail Order Sales, Room 602-11A, 14th and C Streets, SW, Washington, D. C. 20228. Orders for ten or more of the same item receive a 50¢ per card discount. Quantities of mint and cancelled cards may not be combined to qualify for the discount. Shipping and insurance are included.

CICF Changes Hands

Krause Publications New Owner

(Iola, WI) — Krause Publications, 700 E. State Street, Iola, WI 54990, America's leading hobby publisher, has recently acquired the ownership of the Chicago International Coin Fair, one of the world coin field's premier international events. The show was purchased from Edward Milas and the Rare Coin Company of America.

"The addition of Chicago International Coin Fair to the Krause family of numismatic services provides an appropriate compliment to our weekly *World Coin News* periodical and the *Standard Catalog of World Coins* reference catalog," stated Clifford Mishler, Publisher Emeritus of Krause Numismatic Division.

"We at Krause Publications view the acquisition as providing us with a singular opportunity to expand our hobby and industry horizons," Mishler said. "It is our objective to continue Chicago International Coin Fair's 14 year tradition of

presenting an outstanding event that will command the participation of dealers and collectors from throughout the country and around the world."

Mr. Milas will continue his association with the show for the next five years as an actively involved advisor. Recent Chicago International Coin Fair bourse participants have been solicited with questionnaires that seek their assessment of past shows and future options with an eye toward improvement.

"The Chicago International Coin Fair has enjoyed a unique and distinctive flavor," Mishler emphasized. "As a bellwether of activity in the world coin field, it is a show with a proud tradition and a promising future. It has always been a first class production under the direction of Ed Milas. We have every intention of assuring that future Chicago International Coin Fairs are as vibrant, yet as low-keyed as those of the past."

The 1990 Chicago International Coin Fair has been scheduled for March 15-17, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in downtown Chicago. "Chicago is a convenient location for hosting an event of the stature of Chicago International Coin Fair," Mishler added. "Chicago boasts world-class facilities for hosting conventions and visitors. The city is conveniently assessable for international travelers. And there's always something to do, on the Chicago International Coin Fair bourse floor, or away from it."

Dealers interested in bourse space at the 1990 Chicago International Coin Fair should contact: CICF, Kevin Foley - Bourse Chairman, P. O. Box 573, Milwaukee, WI 53201 or call Foley at (414) 282-2388.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Article III, Section 5, of the By-Laws of Central States Numismatic Society provides that the President shall make a call for nominations of Officers in the Fall issue of *The Centinel*. All nominations must be made in writing and must be made by a regular or life member in good standing of the Society. Such nominations should be sent *only* to the Secretary of the Society, Robert E. Douglas, 58 Devonwood Avenue SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404.

Any member in good standing may seek election to any office except that of President, which must be filled by a member who has served previously as an officer or governor. The President may not be a candidate for re-election to that office and no member may nominate himself or herself. All nominations should be submitted no later than November 25, 1989.

A report of nominations will be made in the Winter, 1989-1990, issue of *The Centinel* and will include biographies of those members who accept nomination.

The Central States Numismatic Society has become one of the foremost numismatic organizations in the country only through the dedicated efforts of members who have been willing to work on behalf of and contribute to the Society. One meaningful way in which a member can render service to the Society is by holding office on the Board of Governors. I urge every member to consider and nominate those whom they feel would be well qualified to serve and guide your Society over the next two years.

Pursuant to Article III, Section 5, of the By-Laws of the Central States Numismatic Society, I hereby make an official call for nominations.

Michael Kolman
President

Hogge Collection Marks Bermuda Anniversary and Island's First .999 Gold Proof Set

Coins from Bermuda's historic past mark the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Bermuda Monetary Authority and become the Island's first ever coin collection issued in .999 gold proof. Struck by the British Royal Mint, the four frosted proofs have legal tender values of $100, $50, $25 and $10 and bear designs based on the famous Bermuda "Hogge" money of the early 17th century. An extremely low worldwide mintage of only 500 sets has been authorized by the Bermuda Monetary Authority, the Island's sole issuing body for coins and bank notes. The coins will not be available individually.

1989 Bermuda "Hogge" Collection — British Royal Mint

Hogge money (or "hoggies") holds a special place in Bermuda's fascinating history. Permanently settled almost four hundred years ago when Sir George Somers and his party of colonists aboard the "Sea Venture" were shipwrecked while en route to Virginia, the Island was granted to the Virginia Company by James I of England. Three years later the company sold its rights to a group of merchants who later formed the Bermuda Company. In 1615 James I granted letters patent to the Bermuda Company and with them, the right to produce base coinage.

The coins were minted for the company in four denominations: 1 shilling, sixpence, threepence and twopence, and were struck in brass or copper alloy, frequently coated lightly with silver to improve their appearance. Each coin featured a hog upon its obverse and a ship upon the reverse. While the ship might reasonably be interpreted as a depiction of the "Sea Venture" complete with its flags bearing the Cross of St. George, the hog was almost certainly a

reference to the black hog, left on the islands by the Spanish expedition of Juan Bermudez in the early 16th century when early attempts at colonization failed. The animals bred prolifically and provided a vital food source to the new settlers a hundred years later.

The coins were never issued in very large numbers and relatively few remain today. However, some interesting variations occurred on the early coins. The obverse of the shilling and sixpence bore the inscription "Sommer Islands" — the name by which Bermuda was known for a short time (after Sir George). There were two known varieties of the shilling, with the galleon bearing larger sails on one than on the other. The shilling bore the flag of St. George on all four masts of the ship, while on the sixpence it is seen on only one mast. It is also interesting to note that on the sixpence, the first letter "S" was missing from the word ISLAND. The denomination in pence appeared in Roman numerals above the hog design on all the coins, but certainly individual coins varied considerably in weight.

Lying some 580 miles southeast of Cape Hatteras, Bermuda consists of about 360 small islands. Only about 20 are inhabited and most of the land and the population of about 60,000 is contained in the five largest islands, the biggest of which is Hamilton measuring 13 miles long by 1 mile wide.

Today the sun and sand of Bermuda offer a haven for American vacationers, but the Island's relationship with America goes back to the time of the Revolution. Indeed a letter from George Washington in 1775 asks for Bermudian assistance with reference to munitions "in a very large magazine on your island." Annexation of Bermuda by the United States was raised on at least three occasions. Lafayette suggested it to Washington at the end of the War of Independence, while it was again raised after the War of 1812 and at the end of the American Civil War, during which the Bermudians supplied the Confederacy with war materials.

The four coins of the 1989 Hogge Collection feature a common obverse bearing the couped portrait of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II by British sculptor Raphael Maklouf. Her Majesty is depicted in profile wearing the Royal Crown, together with the words BERMUDA and ELIZABETH II. The reverses feature the designs similar to those which appeared on the original "hogge money" and reproduced in the irregular shape so often found on seventeenth century coins. The $100 and $25 show a ship in full sail, while the $50 and $10 coins depict the famous hog design. Each coin bears, in words, the value and date of issue. The exquisite frosted finish contrasts dramatically with the mirror-like background. Both designs were modeled by Royal Mint engraver Robert Elderton.

Discussing the special issue of gold coinage by Bermuda, Michael J. Mansley, the British Royal Mint's Assistant Director of Marketing for North America was enthusiastic about the Hogge Collection. "There has been tremendous collector interest in the current series of Bermuda Silver Proof Crowns and Piedforts. We believe that the incredibly low worldwide mintage of these very special gold coins is going to prove especially attractive and the British Royal Mint is delighted to share this proud and historic occasion with the Bermuda Monetary Authority."

Each magnificent four coin gold proof set is housed in its own luxurious presentation case and is accompanied by a Certificate of Authenticity signed by Mr. Anthny Goodfellow, General Manager, and Mr. Charles Z. Mann, Chairman of the Bermuda Monetary Authority.

Prices of the 1989 Bermuda Hogge Collectoin are: $1495 (US) $1815 (CAN). Orders and inquiries should be addressed to the British Royal Mint, P. O. Box 2570, Woodside, NY 11377-9864, (New York residents add tax please), or by caling toll-free 800-221-1215 (24 hours). Canadian collectors call 800-543-0237 (24 hours). Dealers call 800-822-BRIT or 914-677-6112.

British Royal Mint Sales at Record High

The British Royal Mint has announced that total sales for the period April 1, 1988 - March 31, 1989 reached their highest level ever at £95.2 million ($152.3 million). Profit for the year totaled £5.0 million ($8.0 million), while overseas business accounted for 63% of sales ($96.64 million).

The Annual Report for 1988 - 1989, released recently in London, indicated that production levels also achieved new record highs, helping in large degree to compensate for the sharp deterioration in the investment climate for gold during the year. During the period, the British Royal Mint struck coins for a total of 61 countries in addition to the United Kingdom. The Mint's sales currently represent over 50% of the world market.

The number of circulating coins issued in the United Kingdom during the period was 80% higher than the average for the past five years and this, together with an increase in sales to overseas countries, contributed to the record production levels. The medals business also performed well, as did non-gold collector products. The 1989 £2 coin issued to commemorate the tercentenary of the Bill of Rights in England and the Scottish Claim of Right, has been particularly successful.

Commenting on the British Royal Mint's results, Deputy Master and Chief Executive, Anthony D. Garrett expressed his belief that the resilience of the Mint's performance in difficult trading circumstances augurs well for the future. "Overall business remains strong, with high demand for circulation coinage both in the U. K. and overseas, collector coins — other than gold — performing well and the medals business enjoying profitable growth. I am confident that 1989 - 1990 will see a good and growing level of profitability."

Mr. Garrett continued by emphasizing the importance of the United States and Canada markets. "My recent visit to the United States to receive the *Coin of the Year Award* for the Britannia on behalf of the Mint, and to the recent ANA Convention in Pittsburgh served to underline the continuing regard in which collectors hold coins of the British Royal Mint. This recognition of the Royal Mint's efforts to maintain the high quality of its products is, indeed, extremely gratifying."

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE AN ARTICLE TO THE CENTINEL ?

Contact the Editor

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The persons named below have applied for membership in the Society. Each applicant will become a member in 30 days, unless a written objection to his or her application is received by the Secretary-Treasurer prior to that date.

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The following members have attained continuous CSNS membership for the number of years shown during the period January through June, 1989.

TWENTY FIVE YEARS

L110	Edward D. Milas	Willowbrook, Illinois

SHOW CALENDAR

Show Chairmen are invited to send announcements of upcoming coin shows in the Central States region. The Show Calendar is intended to assist collectors and dealers in planning their show attendance. It is also designed to aid show sponsors in avoiding date conflicts. Show dates will be listed up to 24 months in advance and show sponsors are encouraged to submit dates for future shows through December, 1991. Please include the city where the show will be held, official name of the show, show dates and location, as well as the name, address and phone number of the show or bourse chairman. Send to: Kevin Foley, P. O. Box 589, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI — NOVEMBER 18-19, 1989

Heart of America Numismatic Association Coin Show, Kansas City Market Center, 1775 Universal. Walt Johnson, 7327 Reeds Road, Overland Park, Kansas 66204.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI — NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 1-3, 1989

National and World Paper Money Convention. Cervantes Convention Center, 801 Convention Plaza. Kevin Foley, P. O. Box 589, Milwaukee, Wis. 53201. (414) 282-2388

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI — NOVEMBER 30, DECEMBER 1-3, 1989

National Silver Dollar Convention. Cervantes Convention Center, 801 Convention Plaza. Marlene Highfill, P. O. Box 142, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma 73013. (918) 455-4985

GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA — JANUARY 6-7, 1990

Grand Island Coin Club's Annual Coin Show. Riverside Inn Motel, 3333 Ramada Road. Marvin Luke, P. O. Box 44, Farwell, Nebraska 68838.

MUNCIE, INDIANA — JANUARY 21, 1990

Muncie Coin and Stamp Club's 33rd Annual Coin Show. L. A. Pittinger Student Center, Ball State University, 2000 West University Avenue. Ray Saylor, P. O. Box 1184, Muncie, Indiana 47305.

DES MOINES, IOWA — FEBRUARY 4, 1990

Des Moines Coin Club Show, Adventureland Inn, I-80 at Highway 65. Steve Rye, 2716 Douglas, Des Moines, Iowa 5010. (515) 279-8482

RACINE, WISCONSIN — MARCH 4, 1990

Racine Numismatic Society's 52nd Annual Coin Show. Sheraton Racine Hotel, 7111 Washington Avenue. Jerry Binsfield, P. O. Box 191, Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin 53158. (414) 654-6272

KENOSHA, WISCONSIN — MARCH 11, 1990

Kenosha Coin Club's 32nd Annual Coin Show. Holiday Inn, 5125 6th Avenue. Jerry Binsfield, P. O. Box 191, Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin 53158. (414) 654-6272

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS — MARCH 15-17, 1990

Chicago International Coin Fair. Hyatt-Regency Chicago, 151 East Wacker Drive. Kevin Foley, P. O. Box 573, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201. (414) 282-2388

MADISON, WISCONSIN — MARCH 18, 1990

Madison Coin Club's 58th Anniversary Coin Show. Sheraton Inn and Conference Center, 706 John Nolen Drive. Nancy and Peter Gaby, P. O. Box 4622, Madison, Wisconsin 53711. (608) 276-8802

WAUKESHA, WISCONSIN — APRIL 1, 1990

Waukesha Coin Club's 21st Annual Coin Show. Waukesha Expo Youth Building, I-94 to County J Airport Exit, south to County FT, right to Youth Building. Tom Snyder, 2028 North 113th Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53226.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN — APRIL 6-8, 1990

Central States Numismatic Society's 51st Anniversary Convention. MECCA Convention Center, 4th and Kilbourn Streets. Hosted by the South Shore Coin Club. Kevin Foley, P. O. Box 573, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201. (414) 282-2388

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN — APRIL 13-15, 1990

Michigan State Numismatic Society's Spring Convention. Stauffer's Hotel and Kellogg Arena, 50 Castle Avenue, SW. Al Bobrofsky, c/o MSNS, P. O. Box 1157, Battle Creek, Michigan 49016.

MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN — JUNE 29-30, - JULY 1, 1990

MidAmerica Coin Convention, MECCA Convention Center, 4th and Kilbourn Streets. Kevin Foley, P. O. Box 589, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201. (414) 282-2388

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY — OCTOBER 18-20, 1990

Central States Numismatic Society's Fall Convention. Bluegrass Convention Center, 9700 Bluegrass Parkway. Bob Bickett, 3536 Winchester Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40207.

OMAHA, NEBRASKA — OCTOBER 27-28, 1990

Omaha Coin Club's 31st Annual Coin Show. Holiday Inn, I-80 and 72nd Street. Ralph Reeves, 1027 South 90th Street, Omaha, Nebraska 68114. (402) 393-4143

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI — NOVEMBER 8-11, 1990

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Gunning For Gold

by Thomas Casper, TAMS 1873

Trap shooting is the most popular of all gun sports. It involves a shooter armed with a shotgun shooting at small, round shaped targets which are still sometimes called "clay pigeons." These targets certainly don't resemble pigeons and I found out that they are not made of clay. Where, then, did they get that name?

Well, it seems that when trap shooting first began, live birds were used as targets, usually pigeons which were released from traps. Hence the name trap shooting. The machine that throws "clay pigeons" is also called a trap, and this is another possibility for the origin of the name.

The British are credited with inventing trap-shooting, and it is first mentioned in an English publication *Sporting Magazine* published in 1793. In the beginning live pigeons were placed in holes in the ground and covered with an old hat which had a string tied to it. At the gunner's signal the string was pulled, tipping the hat and releasing the bird. Later, boxes on the ground, which had sliding lids with strings attached, were used.

Trap shooting came to the United States in the early 1800s. The Sportsmen's Club of Cincinnati, Ohio, recorded the first trap shoot in 1931. Live birds, including pigeons and English sparrows were used as tragets. About 1850, non-hunters began complaining about the needless killing of birds. The birds were also getting more difficult to obtain. Many states passed laws outlawing the competitions. This forced shooters to devise a non-live target.

It was in 1866 when Charles Portlock of Boston improved on a sling device which threw 2½ inch hollow glass balls from a trap. Some balls even had feathers in them or glued on them; others had powder in them so a puff of smoke went up when they were hit. Glass balls were used until 1880, when George Ligowski of Cincinnati invented the flat disc clay target. These were immediately accepted by the shooters in both England and America. Ligowski originally used clay in the manufacture of his target, and the name "clay target," "clay bird" or "clay pigeon" has remained. An Englishman named McCaskey improved on Ligowsky's targets, making them of ground limestone with petroleum pitch as a binder. This type target is still being used today.

The first national trap shooting tournament was held in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1885; it was sponsored by the National Gun Association. The Interstate Association of Trapshooters was formed in 1890. In 1900 the American Trapshooting Association became the national governing body, but it was controlled by the manufacturers of sporting arms and ammunition.

On December 23, 1915, the American Amateur Trapshooters' Association (AATA) was incorporated. Its first president was John Philip Sousa, the famous American composer and bandmaster, who is best remembered for his marches. Dr. Horace Betts served as the first vice president. The first issue of *The American Shooter,* the AATA's official organ, was published on January 1, 1916. The organization appealed to the amateur shooters, who at that time were estimated at a half million, belonging to four thousand trap shooting clubs. Membership dues started at $1.50 per year and were raised to $3.00 in 1918.

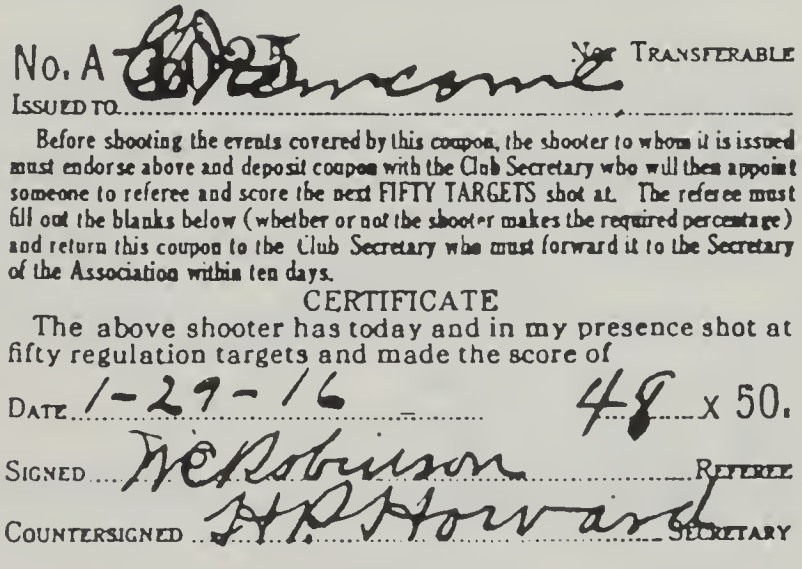
The AATA had seven aims, and one of them was to provide opportunity for recognition for the shooter of average ability as well as for the expert. To accom-

plish this a Medal and Trophy Plan was instituted. It consisted of five types of shooting award medals: 75%, bronze; 80%, aluminum; 85%, sterling silver; 90%, 14k solid gold; and 95%, solid gold with a diamond. To start earning the medals (the 75% had to be earned first, then the 80% etc.) the shooter had to

Ed. F. Leidel of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was awarded this gold medal.

purchase a set of ten medal coupons for $1.00, which paid for the medal. Each coupon allowed the purchaser to shoot at fifty targets. To earn the 75% medal he had to obtain a score of 38 out of 50 or better, ten times. Only one medal could be won in each class.

In 1918 the AATA modified its Proficiency Medal Plan. The burden of keeping the score reports and averages was shifted from the club secretaries to the AATA. A shooter could now earn any percentage medal without having to earn the lower percentage one first. The medal coupons were eliminated and the shooters bought their medals at cost from the organization after earning them. The composition of the 80% medal was changed to German silver; the 90%



No. A 25 Not Transferable

Issued to C. H. Newcomb

Before shooting the events covered by this coupon, the shooter to whom it is issued must endorse above and deposit coupon with the Club Secretary who will then appoint someone to referee and score the next FIFTY TARGETS shot at. The referee must fill out the blanks below (whether or not the shooter makes the required percentage) and return this coupon to the Club Secretary who must forward it to the Secretary of the Association within ten days.

CERTIFICATE

The above shooter has today and in my presence shot at fifty regulation targets and made the score of

Date 1-29-16 48 x 50.

Signed W. E. Robinson Referee

Countersigned H. P. Howard Secretary

Amateur champion Charles H. Newcomb was the first AATA member to qualify for a medal; he submitted the illustrated certificate just one month after the organization was formed.

medal was lowered to 10k gold; the 95% medal was made 14k solid gold; and a 98% medal in 14k solid gold was added. Many shooters had greatly improved in the process of earning all of the existing medals, and the purpose of the new medals was to give them a further incentive. To earn the 98% medal the shooter had to get 49 or 50 out of 50 forty times. It took a true expert to qualify for this award. Also added were proficiency bars in the corresponding metals, which were earned like the medals. The bars had loops from which the medal could be suspended. For beginners the organization offered proficiency buttons which were

earned before the medals. They were bronze and came in 50%, 60% and 70%. Pictured in a 1918 edition of the *American Shooter* without explanation was a looped proficiency medal attached to a ribbon which formed a watch fob. There is no indication of how this piece was earned.

The Association accommodated the women shooters by designing the following medals for them: 50%, bronze; 60%, German silver; 70%, sterling silver; 80%, 10k solid gold; and 85%, 14k solid gold. It is not known if the obverse design was changed for these medals.

In 1923 the AATA dissolved and the Amateur Trapshooting Association (ATA) was formed; this organization is still going strong today. Its headquarters are in Vandalia, Ohio, along with the Trapshooting Hall of Fame Museum. The national tournament, the Grand American, is held there annually. *'Trap & Field'* is the ATA official publication. The ATA has never issued any shooting medals.

Bronze 50% proficiency buttons were awarded by the American Trapshooters' Association

The AATA mentioned in its magazine that thousands of proficiency medals were awarded, but this is the first one this writer has seen. None of the pieces appear to be common. Perhaps one reason for this is that the nine years the AATA existed was too short a time span for the shooters to earn them. Another possibility is that many members weren't able to afford to pay for the medals because of the cost of the precious metals. Unfortunately, no records were ever kept on the total number of medals awarded.

The medals are 31mm x 31mm. It is unknown who designed them, and there are no markings to indicate who struck them. Ed. F. Leidel, who earned the illustrated medal, was from Milwaukee.

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The Revolt of the Moneyers

by Rick Webster

The history of Rome is a long one. From the beginning of the Republic to the end of the Byzantine Empire, over two thousand years are covered. For this reason, most histories of Rome can give only a few sentences to many of the events discussed. This paper is a result of just such a short mention.

By the middle of the third century AD, the Roman Empire was in a state of decline. Emperors were chosen by force of their armies, not by the family dynasties of the first century AD or by adoption as in the second century AD. The borders of the Empire were pressured by many barbarian tribes drawn by the wealth of the Empire. In the east, the Sassanian Empire was gaining power and threatening Rome. Valerian took command in the east, while Gallienus was given the west and Rhine areas to defend. At first, Valerian had success, but, in 260 AD, he was captured by the Sassanian ruler, Shapur I. The rest of his life was spent as a prisoner. Gallienus either could not or would not rescue his father and became sole ruler of the Empire.

GALLIENUS, Silver Antoninianus of 254 AD

Constant war and pressure on the economy caused a serious decline in the quality of the money being issued. The antaninianus (a double denarius, in theory), which had a low silver content at the beginning of the reigns of Valerian and Gallienus, had become billon. A small percentage of silver was put in the antoninianus and copper was leached from the surface to give the coin a good silver appearance when new to distinguish it from the bronze coinage being minted. The coins varied in weight and size with no apparent standard. During the reign of Gallienus, the coinage further declined in size and in weight. At the end of his reign, Roman coinage was at one of its lowest points.

In the east, after the capture of Valerian, the Empire of Palmyra was established by local royalty. Palmyra was able to hold the Sassanians in check for a number of years. In the west, in 260 AD, Postumus, a general of Gallienus' legions, revolted and established the Gallic Empire which consisted of Britian, Gaul and Spain. In 268 AD, Gallienus was murdered by a group of his own officers including Aurelian. After a two-year period of internal struggle, Aurelian emerged as the sole emperor of what remained of the Roman Empire.

Aurelian's immediate task was to put the pieces of the Empire back together. First, he devoted his attention to a war with the Scythians on the Danube. After their defeat, Aurelian made his first visit to Rome and received the recognition of the Senate. Soon after, Aurelian went to Pannonia to fight the Vandals and the Alemanni. Initially defeated by the Alemanni, Aurelian was given the time to reorganize and put his forces in order while the Alemanni were plundering northern Italy. In three separate battles, he defeated the Alemanni and Italy was saved.

In 271 AD, Aurelian turned his attention to Palmyra and soon had recaptured the lost territory, in addition to its ruler, Vabalathus, and his mother and co-ruler, Zenobia. This done, Aurelian marched on the Gallic Empire, now being ruled by Tetricus I. In 273 AD, Tetricus abandoned his army in the middle of a battle and surrendered to Aurelian. His legions, not given the chance to surrender, suffered a heavy defeat. With the defeat of Tetricus, the Empire was once again whole. Aurelian returned to Rome to celebrate a triumph, which included a parade and was a very high honor. The legions marched behind the Emperor displaying captives and the spoils of war. Aurelian's triumph included Tetricus, Vabalathus and Zenobia paraded as noble prisoners of war.

Aurelian now had the time to turn his attention to the internal problems of the Empire. One of his first priorities was the economy and his reforms set off the moneyers' revolt. Most histories, if they mention the event at all, do so in passing. A mention will be made that the mint workers were debasing the coinage without authority and to their gain. They rose in revolt under their leader, Felicissimus, and seven thousand Roman legionaires were killed putting the revolt down.

However, something does not ring true. Aurelian's army had defeated the Scythians, the Alemanni, the Palmyrians and the Gallic Empire in less than four years. How could he possibly lose more than an entire legion of battle hardened soldiers to a group of mint workers? The answer is that the mint workers were not alone. First let's look at the moneyers and their allies in the revolt, the Praetorian Guard and part of the Senate of Rome.

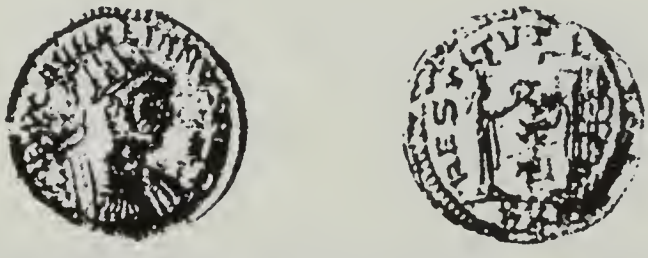
The moneyers or "monetarii" were as close to slaves as you could get without being slaves. They were part of a caste system which was impossible to get out of. In order to make any gains, they resorted to various forms of forgery. This could include clipping, making coins of lower than normal weight, and melting existing coins, extracting what little silver there was and then producing coins without any silver. This unauthorized debasement was considered forgery and high treason. The penalty was either death or a very long sentence of Roman justice. The laws were so strict that the guilt would include the owner of the property used to make the forgeries, even if he had no knowledge of the activity. Since the mint workers were all considered guilty, they had good reason to put up resistence. Aurelian was a very strict ruler, and death may have been the only choice he offered. Still, this group of non-military workers could not have inflicted such heavy losses to the legions without help.

The Praetorian Guard had reason to fear Aurelian, as did the moneyers. Once the elite legion of the Empire, the Guards' duty had been to safeguard Rome and the Emperor. But, by 273 AD, Italy did not need direct protection. The Empire's problem areas were the border areas. Since the Emperors were generals, they already had their own personal guards whose loyalty was not in question. Aurelian did not trust the Praetorians. They were unneccessary and probably would have been disbanded or transferred to an area of military need. Faced with having to leave Rome and the possibility of actually fighting the enemies of the Empire, the Praetorians had good reason to join in a revolt. When joining the revolt, the Praetorians would have brought with them the knowledge and weapons needed to face the legions of Aurelian.

In order to stage a successful civil war, as this revolt should be called, three more factors were needed — money, political influence, and know-how. This input came from some of the members of the Roman Senate. The Senate had

reason to fear Aurelian as well as the moneyers and the Praetorians. First, Aurelian was not one of them. He was from the Danubian area of the Empire, not Rome or even Italy. He was not of noble birth and had not been chosen to be emperor by the Senate. While the Senate's ability to appoint emperors had long since passed, pride and desire for control were still very strong. Second, Aurelian was planning to reform the money of the Empire. He wanted to call in all the old, poorly-made coinage and replace it with new coinage. The problem was that he was going to assign a lower value to the older coinage in relation to the new. Anyone holding large amounts of the poorly-made coinage was going to lose a large part of his wealth with the reforms. Faced with a loss of power and a loss of money, many members of the Senate joined the civil war.

This then gives us three groups which joined together to challenge Aurelian. The moneyers were guilty of forgery, the Praetorians faced the prospect of transfer and the Senate faced the loss of power and wealth. They chose the Caelain Hill in Rome for their base and fought Aurelian. In the end, they were defeated. Some of the Senators were executed and many lost their property. The losses and fate of the moneyers and the Praetorians is not recorded.



AURELIAN, Silvered Antoninianus (Post-reform issue). Struck in Antioch. Reverse shows Aurelian as "Restorer of the World."

After the civil war, Aurelian continued to carry out his planned reform. New coinage was produced and the old called in. The new money had a mark of value on the reverse: XXI. It is believed that this meant that twenty of these coins equalled one aureus. The amount of silver content was improved, but, due to the continuing economic pressure, no full-silver coinage was issued. The civil war had failed; Aurelian had kept the throne. The old and new coinage circulated together. Old money was not turned in to avoid the financial loss. The western part of the Empire preferred the old coinage for this reason.

In late 274 AD, Aurelian left Rome to put down disorder in Gual. In 275 AD, he started east to regain Mesopotamia. Along the way a group of his officers who had been falsely told they were going to be executed murdered him, much as he had done in the murder of Gallienus. He had ruled the Empire less than five years.

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Illinois Numismatic Association Medallions of 1974-75

by Mark Wieclaw

Since ILLNA was founded in 1959, several commemorative medallions have been issued. All of them have low mintages and are generally not easy to acquire. Because of the huge success of the 1973 medallions commemorating the State Show hosted by the Will County Coin Club (Joliet), it was decided that a medallion should be issued for the 1974 show also. Board member Bill Miller was commissioned to investigate the cost and to find a suitable manufacturer. After contacting several prospective suppliers, it was decided that Masterpiece Medallions of Claremont, California, offered the best package.

On July 15, 1974, a letter of acceptance was sent to Mr. G. Lee Kuntz of Masterpiece Medallions for three-hundred one-ounce silver medallions. Mr. Kuntz was responsible for designing the medallion based on the ILLNA logo supplied him and delivered them by August 31, 1974.

The cost of the medallions to ILLNA was $1935 or $6.45 each. A breakdown of this expense follows:

1 obverse die (ILLNA Design)	$ 250.00
1 reverse die (convention words)	135.00
300 one-ounce fine silver medallions ($4.25 ea.)	1275.00
300 striking and service charge (.75 ea.)	225.00
Set up costs	50.00
Total	$1935.00

Once the dies were completed, a proof trial strike in lead was sent ILLNA for examination. For some reason the stars were left off the obverse die and didn't meet the board's approval. Mr. Kuntz made the necessary changes and sent five pewter trial strikes that were satisfactory. The pewter medallions looked exactly like those struck in silver and therefore the word "Copy" was stamped on the lower right corner of the reverse.

The silver medallions arrived in time for the State Show in Decatur. Although not all were sold, it was decided to issue a medallion for the 1975 State Show to take place in Springfield. Mr. Kuntz was again asked to do the work using the same obverse die and creating a new reverse die. The number of medallions ordered by the 1975 State Show was 250 each of silver and bronze.

When Mr. Kuntz finished the reverse die, he did some work on the obverse die to give Miss Liberty more definition (the 1974 medallians seemed to look flat or weakly struck on the obverse). A proof lead trial strike was sent and approved.

To help keep costs down, ILLNA decided to furnish the silver to Masterpiece Medallions. A study was conducted of outside source, and it was found that the least expensive price was $.15 per ounce over spot. Vice-President Larry Camp then volunteered to sell 250 ounces of fine silver to ILLNA for spot price. This transaction was approved by the board, and the silver shipped to Mr. Kuntz.

The cost of the 1975 medallions was as follows:

1 1975 die (reverse)	$150.00
250 fine silver striking service (.75 ea.)	187.50
250 golden bronze medallions (.39 ea.)	97.50
Set up costs	50.00
Total	$485.00

No records are available to show what the cost of the silver to ILLNA was, but it was surely much less than if supplied by Masterpiece Medallions.

As was the case with the 1974 Medallions, the 1975 issue was not completely sold out at the State Show. ILLNA is still in possession of several 1974 and 1975 silver pieces and a lesser number of the bronze medallions.

Originally the silver pieces were sold by ILLNA for $10.00 and the bronze specimens for $1.00 each. The remainder of the ILLNA hoard is being disbursed slowly. At the 1984 State Show each exhibitor received a silver medallion, and for 1985 each new ILLNA member received a bronze medallion. Although the silver issues have relatively low mintage, they are unfortunately treated as bullion by most dealers and can be purchased for a small premium over spot when available.

A motion was made and approved that board member Don Fisher be given a pewter medallion and Bill Miller be given the 1975 lead trial strike. The lead trial error and the four remaining pewter trial medallions were to remain in the possession of ILLNA. In the late 1970s a burglary occurred in the Miller residence, and among the missing numismatic items were the lead and pewter trial strikes. These were not recovered.

In August, 1984, the author in an attempt to put together a complete set of ILLNA commemoratives placed a bid on some 1962 ILLNA medallions. These were offered by a West coast Canadian dealer who specializes in Canadian trade tokens. Although the bid was unsuccessful, the dealer sent a note recommending another dealer from Central Canada that specialized in Canadian and U. S. numismatic organization issues.

This effort was more successful in that the second Canadian dealer had a 1968 bronze medallion, three 1974 *aluminum* medallions, a 1975 bronze medallion, and two others dated 1974 and 1975 that were dark in color but of unknown composition. The total lot of seven medallions was offered for $28.00 Canadian. A check was sent in the amount of $23.40 (20% less U. S. currency discount plus $1.00 postage) and in late September, 1984, the medallions arrived.

With great curiosity, the author asked Bill Miller several questions about this new acquisition. It was now evident that these 1974-75 pieces were the medallions that disappeared several years earlier. Those thought to be aluminum were actually the pewter medallions (missing one from the four that were stolen).

Once it was determined that these were the missing medallions, a second letter to the Canadian dealer was sent hoping to trace the whereabouts of the fourth pewter medallion and how he had acquired the others. In his response it was mentioned that he had purchased the medallions earlier in the year at the Canadian Numismatic Association Convention. While sitting at a dealer's table looking through his inventory, a person approached the dealer and asked if he would be interested in purchasing any or all of the tokens or medals that he had. When the other dealer declined the offer, he asked if he could examine them. He then picked out the ILLNA medallions along with a few other U. S. coin club tokens.

Since it was a cash deal no receipt was written and no names were exchanged. It was noted that he paid the collector $15.00 (Canadian) for the entire group of 15 pieces.

In April of 1982 a decision was made by the ILLNA board to donate the dies and one each of the 1974-75 medallions to the ANA museum. The ANA gladly accepted the donation and now collectors from around the world can view a part of ILLNA history.

What happened to the missing pewter medallion may never be known. How many people actually owned the other medallions from the time they were stolen until they were purchased in September, 1984, will always remain a mystery. What is certain is that the 1974 and 1975 ILLNA medallions do have an interesting history.

Date	*Composition*	*Weight*	*Size*	*Mintage*
1974	Lead	32.3 gms.	39 mm.	1 known
1974	Pewter	19.5 gms.	39 mm.	5 known
1974	Seliver	31.1 gms.	39 mm.	300
1975	Lead	31.7 gms.	39 mm.	1 known
1975	Bronze	22.8 gms.	39 mm.	250
1975	Silver	31.1 gms.	39 mm.	250

Obverse - "no stars" lead trial error (left), Regular obverse "with stars" for 1974-75 medallions (right).

Reverse - regular reverse for 1974 medallions (left). Pewter trial strikes have the word "Copy" stamped in lower right corner. Common reverse of all 1975 medallions (right).

The obverse design has been used as the official ILLNA logo since the organization's inception in 1959. It is based on the design of the Morgan silver dollar. Above Miss Liberty is the word "ILLNA," and below her "Founded 1959." Thirteen stars (six left side, seven right side) are also located on each medallion.

The legend on the reverse of the 1974 medallion reads "ILLNA State Convention - Sept. 6-8, 1974." The central area contains the words "Decatur, Illinois" with "one troy ounce .999 Fine Silver" located below.

On the 1975 silver medallion, ".999 F. S." is located on the edge of each piece. "ILLNA State Convention - Sept. 26-28, 1975" is the reverse legend with "Springfield, Illinois" in the center.

Numismatic Travels

by Kevin Foley

A significant story for frequent travelers is the Omni Hotel's discontinuation of their frequent guest program. Like many other such promotional efforts generated by the lodging industry, participants in Omni's Select Guest program were able to earn free lodging, car rentals and airline tickets based on the frequency of their stays with the sponsor's participating properties.

While the Omni chain has only a limited number of properties, their typical hotel deviates sharply from the cookie cutter architecture and room decor which has come to be characteristic of the hotel field. Many Omnis began their days as independent hotels and have been absorbed by the parent company and then renovated to current standards. Their hotels differ the most one from the other of any I've stayed in and I've yet to locate one that wasn't well above average, both from the facilities and service standpoint.

If you participate in the Select Guest program you'll have until August of 1990 to accumulate points and obtain an award certificate and until August of 1991 to actually redeem the award for free travel or lodging. If you are near the next award plateau you'll want to pay careful attention to the expiration of the Select Guest program and plan Omni stays accordingly.

Despite a short promotion of sharply discounted fares this Summer aimed at the leisure travel market the overall trend of airline ticket prices seems to be ever upward. While those who attend coin conventions are fortunate to be able to take advantage of the deeply discounted fares typically requiring a Saturday night stay, even these aren't the bargains they once were. To attend this October's Long Beach Convention, for example, my own ticket cost $298.00. While certainly less than the $358.00 I generally paid in the early 1980s in the same market, this is certainly well above the $198.00 and $218.00 I was able to pay in 1987 and 1988.

As a purchaser of airline tickets I've also noticed that the airlines seem to be allocating smaller percentages of seats on given flights to the most deeply discounted fare categories. While in the past calls for fare quotes even 30 days in advance were usually able to yield a ticket at the lowest quoted fare, this year I've often had to book tickets as long as 60-90 days out in order to be sure of obtaining the most advantageous fare. Fare increases are perhaps the inevitable result of the airline mergers and consolidations of the past several years. With no People Express around to hold the general level of fares down and with traditional discounter Texas Air apparently placing a higher emphasis on service, rather than cheap fares, as a sales tool, it looks like the days of the super fare bargains are in the past.

Those of you who rent cars in the course of your travels might want to stop at the library and read the Consumer Reports magazine July article on the subject. It's the most useful consumers' guide to the field I've yet encountered. In addition to quality ratings of the most significant players in the rental market, the article included an explanation of the still controversial subject of Collision Damage Waivers. National, Avis and Hertz were ranked at the top of the scale by the consumer magazine, while Value, General and Alamo brought up the rear. A reading of the entire article would be well worth the time spent.

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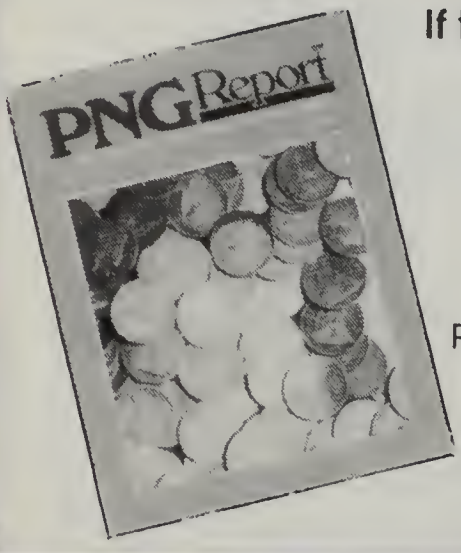

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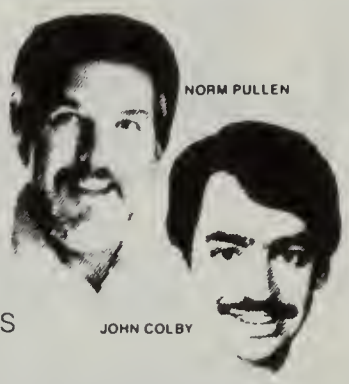

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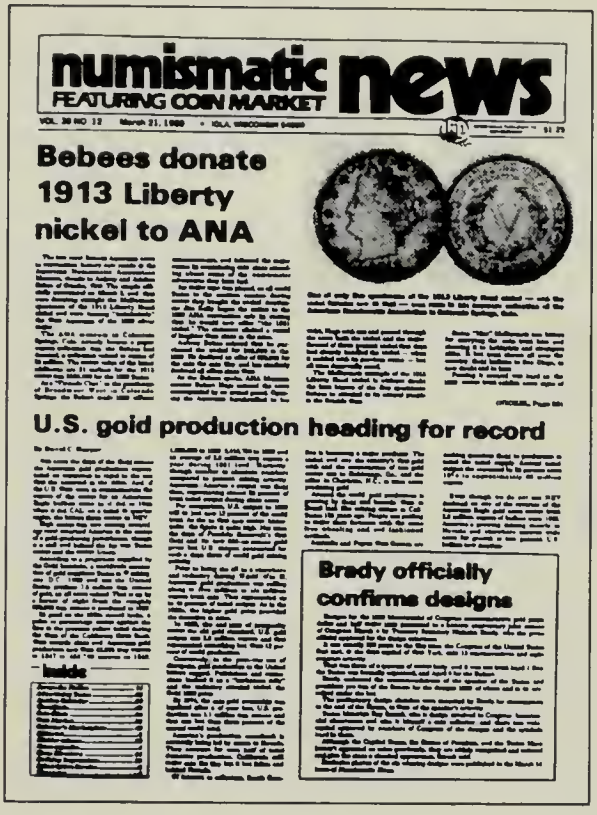
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